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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am happy that the Department of Justice is ready to close its case against Microsoft. The three-year suit has affected the computer industry and cost consumers a great deal of money. I feel that Microsoft, like any other American business, has the right to conduct its affairs without government intervention.

The proposed settlement is more than fair to the plaintiffs in the suit and will correct any infractions of which Microsoft may be guilty. Microsoft will share its Windows operating system with other computer makers, allowing them to place their own software on it. Also, Microsoft will agree not to retaliate against companies that sell, use, or promote non-Microsoft vendors.

It is time to allow Microsoft and the rest of the IT industry to return to normal. I urge you to see that the proposed settlement becomes formal. The lawsuit has already been too costly on the industry and needs speedy resolution.

Sincerely,

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